

## IF engineer nominated for public service award

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ROME, N.Y. — Dr. Paul W. Phister Jr., an aerospace strategic planner for the Air Force Research Laboratory's Information Directorate, has been nominated by Air Force Materiel Command for the 2003 National Public Service Award.

Sponsored by the American Society for Public Administration (ASPA) and the National Academy of Public Administration, National Public Service Awards honor individuals who make outstanding contributions to the public service. The awards recognize individuals who exhibit the highest standards of excellence, dedication, and accomplishment over a sustained period of time and who are creative and highly skilled career managers at all levels of the public service.

Phister was nominated based on his distinguished career as an Air Force officer and civilian employee, as well as his active involvement in the Rome community. He is a member of the Rome Academy of Sciences Board of Trustees and is the Town of Lee baseball commissioner. He has also served as judge for local and regional high school science fairs and, for the past six years, has been the Air Force judge for computer science at the International Science and Engineer Fair. Phister serves as a Youth Group leader, member of the Administration Council, and chair of the Finance Committee for the Delta United Methodist Church.

He was awarded an associate's degree in drafting and design from Hagerstown (Md.) Junior College and a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from the University of Akron, Ohio. Phister also holds a master's degree in systems management from St. Mary's University, San Antonio, Texas, and a master's degree in electrical engineering from the Air Force Institute of Technology. He was awarded his doctorate in engineering management from California Coast University, Santa Ana, Calif.

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